

ing, fighting, taking our chances from bullets, shells and fever, but our men were patient and brave, heroes, everyone of them, with the granite of their hills in their blood. To show you what stuff they were made of, I will tell you of one of the boys, a member of my company.

One day this fellow, not more than nineteen years old, was brought in from the picket line badly wounded. A painful surgical operation was necessary. The surgeon examined him and prepared a glass of brandy, which he offered him. He refused to drink it. The surgeon appealed to me, saying: 'He has lost much blood, and his vitality is low. If he does not take this, I cannot answer for his life.' I said, 'Frank, to oblige me you will drink this brandy.'

He said, 'Captain I would do almost anything else to oblige you but not this.'

'Frank, you have never disobeyed me. You must not now. I command you to drink this.'

He looked up at me, his blue eyes dim with the anguish he endured, and replied, 'Captain, when you command me to go to the cannon's mouth I will do it if I can, but this I will not do.'

I was getting excited, for I loved this boy as if he had been my brother, and tears I could not restrain began to flow. I cried: 'Why do you pain me so? You are putting your life in peril. You have no right to do it. Drink this for your mother's sake.'

He trembled, and tears his agony had not wrung from him came to his eyes as he replied: 'Captain, it is for my mother's sake that I will not drink this brandy. My father died a drunkard, and she has told me I may have inherited this terrible appetite, and I promised her never to taste the deadly poison that made her a widow and me an orphan. If I die tell her I kept my promise.'

By that time we were both crying like girls.

"Did he die?" I cried.

"Oh, no; he made a rapid recovery. From that time my faith in brandy has been growing less."

#### Things a Mother Should Not Do

Household.

She should not forget that if she treats her boy as a gentleman, she will do much towards making him a gentleman.

She should not treat her boy to perpetual frowns, scoldings and faultfindings. "Sugar attracts more flies than vinegar." Love wins her boy to a noble manhood.

She should never be so busy or hard-pressed for time that she can not listen to him. If he lives to be a man he will all too soon leave her. She should make the most of him while she has him.

She should encourage outdoor exercise or sports, and she should not forget to train him with proper regard for his personal appearance.

She should never allow him to form such habits as coming to the table in his shirt-sleeves, neglecting his nails or teeth, or carrying soiled handkerchiefs about with him.

She should not try to break her boy's will, but be thankful that he is manly enough to have a mind of his own, and devote herself to training it to the noblest uses.

She should not fail to instill in him a distaste for all that is vulgar.

## Sisters' Society C. E.

Letter to the S. S. C. E.

*Dear Sisters:* April is drawing near, the month when nature opens her buds into fragrant blossoms, when trees put forth their bright leaves, assuring that summer is near; it is also the month when the S. S. C. E. again opens her door of opportunity, for every member to put forth a little extra effort—missionary effort—that will ultimately result in sending light into heathen hearts, assuring them of a Savior's love.

Your spring offering of ten cents is but small, and when you give it you may feel it won't help much, but you know it takes those very dimes to make up the several dollars that go out from your local society; and it takes those several dollars to make up the hundred and more that it will amount to when it reaches the National treasury. Here we can see the use of the small offering of ten cents. "For who hath despised the day of small things." Our late terrific snow storm was made up of small, trifling bits of snow, delicate little snow flakes, but the storm itself was no trifle. Beautiful, soft and white as the drifts were, there was an irresistible power in them. A strong hand had been quietly placed upon all traffic, putting an effectual stop to it for a time.

There is power in the combined, united effort of the S. S. C. E. Will you let your offering with your prayer make it a little stronger? Strong enough to storm the very citadel of Satan's stronghold, and should it be but one soul that will be rescued, it will have been worth while to send our ten little crystal flakes. They are so necessary for the support of the theological chair, which demands the special attention of the Sister's Society at present. There is a general cry for more ministers in the Brethren church—trained, efficient ministers, men skilled in the word of God, and where shall we look for this kind except to the theological department of Ashland College. Here is also where we must look for the training of our missionaries, and it is now time our missionaries were preparing for the foreign field, that when the fund is ready there may be no delay in sending them out. Do we see how the foreign mission work must begin at the theological chair and will we not with renewed energy work for this, as also for the mission fund? Seeing it in this light, you'll need no urging to remit promptly.

We were much pleased to see the report of the organization of a Sister's Society of Christian Endeavor at Brentwood, Cal., also the one reported by Sister Frame. May others follow their example. If you have no constitution write to Ridgely, Md., and we will send a few copies. Let us push forward in God's name.

VIANNA DETWILER.

## Our Young People

### An Alphabet of Proverbs

A grain of produce is worth a pound of craft.  
Boasters are cousins to liars.  
Confession of a fault makes half amends.  
Denying a fault doubles it.  
Envy shoots at others and wounds herself.  
Foolish fear doubles danger.  
God reaches us good things by our own hands.  
He has hard work that has nothing to do.  
It costs more to revenge wrongs than to bear them.  
Justice should ever be tempered with mercy.  
Knavery is the worst trade.  
Learn the luxury of doing good.  
Modesty is the guard to virtue.  
Not to hear conscience is the way to silence it.  
One hour today is worth two tomorrow.  
Proud looks make foul work in fair faces.  
Quiet conscience gives quiet sleep.  
Reason with conscience should rule our acts.  
Small faults are little thieves that let in greater.  
The way to be truly honored is to be truly good.  
Upright walking is sure walking.  
Virtue and happiness are mother and daughter.  
Wise men make more opportunities than they find.  
Yield always to reason, but never to passion.  
Zeal without knowledge is fire without light.

—Selected.

### THE BIRTHDAY OF HOPE

(An Easter Meeting) I Pet. 1:1-9.

Topic for April 2.

There is a beautiful oriental story which relates that when the gods sent the first woman Pandora, to earth they sent with her a basket of presents for men. On her way to earth her woman's curiosity got the better of her and she lifted the lid of the basket to see what was inside. But alas! while doing this all the gifts escaped except hope and this is why hope has been in the world from the beginning and will remain until the end.

It is hope that nerves the human race to its every action and leads us on from present attainment to better things. But the Christian has a greater hope than the vague and general hope for better things. On that first Easter day when the Son of man stepped forth from the tomb a new star shone in our sky of hope—a star that outshines all the rest, a star whose beams like Roentgen rays pierce thro the thick veil between us and eternity and reveal to us the earnest of that harvest of eternal life which shall be garnered in the last great day. Since that glad Easter day the cloud has been gone from over our cemeteries, the lock from the tomb and the hopeless dirge from our funeral rites. Hope has been a whisper in the ear, a burning in the heart but now she is a bright angel of light who grasps the hand of faith and leads us all the way. Blessed hope! We gladly follow thee. Tho rough and dark the way may be, lead thou us on perpetually.

#### SCRIPTURE LIGHT

- 1 Gleams of resurrection hope in the O. T. Job 19:26, 27.
- 2 The basis of hope—God's promise, Titus 1:2.
- 3 The first fruits, I Cor. 15:20; Mt. 27:52, 53.
- 4 The evidence of hope, Rom. 1:4; Acts 13:32-34.
- 5 In whom we hope, John 14:19; I Pet. 3:21; I Tim. 1:1; John 11:24, 25; I Pet. 2:3.
- 6 Some facts about the resurrection, Mt. 22:30, 31; Rom. 1:5; John 12:25; I Cor. 15:36.
- 7 The message we preach, Acts 4:2; Acts 17:18.
- 8 The hope of the wicked, John 5:27; Eph. 2:12; I Thess. 4:13.
- 9 A goal to attain unto, Phil. 3:10, 11; Rom. 8:24; Col. 1:5, 23, 27.
- 10 An anchor to the soul, Heb. 6:18, 19.

#### TOPICS FOR TALKS

- 1 What is hope?
- 2 What special hope has the Christian?
- 3 What hope have those who are not Christians?
- 4 Why do we hope?
- 5 What are the results of hope?